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Dear Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are attached.

As the Office has waived the requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication, copies of the listed U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publication documents are not included with the submission of attached Form PTO 1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner

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U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publication documents are not included with the submission of attached Form PTO 1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English translation of the abstract of the non-English document is enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in the European Search Report which issued from a corresponding European Patent Application. A copy of the European Search Report is included herewith. The European Search Report is not a reference, and Applicant does not necessarily subscribe to any of the statements contained therein.

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